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SUBJECT: TASS STATEMENT ON MUJAHIDEEN BORDER ATTACK

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TASS STATEMENT

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3. THE TASS STATEMENT CLAIMS THAT ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 8/9 A GROUP OF AFGHAN MUJAHIDEEN ATTACKED AN ELEMENT OF SOVIET BORDER GUARDS ON SOVIET TERRITORY, AND THAT BEFORE BEING CHASED OFF, THE MUJAHIDEEN KILLED TWO OF THE BORDER GUARDS. THE TASS STATEMENT UNDERLINES THAT THE ATTACK, THE SECOND BY A GROUP OF MUJAHIDEEN, TOOK PLACE AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF PROGRESS IN NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, A WORLD HOPEFUL FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, AND ATTEMPTS BY CERTAIN

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SOVIET COUNTERMEASURES

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7. IN ISSUING THE STATEMENT AND MAKING THE ATTACK PUBLIC, MOSCOW IS REAFFIRMING ITS RESOLVE, IN STANDARD TERMS, AND TRYING TO PLACE THE BLAME FOR A LACK OF A SETTLEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN ON THE MUJAHIDEEN AND THEIR SUPPORTERS.

8. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. MATLOCK

